

Census 2000 Population Results for New England 1990 - 2000

The US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, recently released state population figures for 2000. The population increased in all of the New England states between 1990 and 2000. Rhode Island gained nearly 45,000 residents over the 1990's. The number of Rhode Island residents grew from 1,003,464 in 1990 to 1,048,319 in 2000. The State's growth rate of 4.5 percent for the decade topped Connecticut and Maine, which increased by 3.6 and 3.8 percent, respectively.

New Hampshire was the fastest-growing New England state, climbing 11.4 percent to 1.2 million residents. Vermont grew by 8.2 percent to 609,000 residents and Massachusetts increased by 5.5 percent to 6.3 million. The nation, as a whole, grew by 13.2 percent to 281.4 million between 1990 and 2000.

Area	1990	2000	Change 1990 - 2000	
	Census Population	Census Population	Net	Percent
Rhode Island	1,003,464	1,048,319	44,855	4.50%
Connecticut	3,287,116	3,405,565	118,449	3.60%
Maine	1,227,928	1,274,923	46,995	3.80%
Massachusetts	6,016,425	6,349,097	332,672	5.50%
New Hampshire	1,109,252	1,235,786	126,534	11.40%
Vermont	562,758	608,827	46,069	8.20%
United States	248,709,873	281,421,906	32,712,033	13.20%

Source: Population Estimates Branch, U.S. Bureau of the Census